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**AMENDMENT TO ITEM 36**

The Los Angeles Eligibility Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting System (LEADER) is a critical component to the daily operations at the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). LEADER is the primary computer system utilized by the County of Los Angeles when applying complex state and federal rules and regulations to determine eligibility and calculate benefits for various public assistance programs including CalWORKs, General Relief, Food Stamps, CAPI and MediCal. Due to increasing inter-departmental collaboration, LEADER is also actively utilized by other County departments such as Health Services. Currently, there are over 13,000 LEADER user accounts serving approximately one million residents throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Today, this Board is considering an extension of the LEADER contract with the existing vendor that would allow DPSS up to 8 years total (4 years plus 4 one year options) to execute a Request For Proposals (RFP) to replace the existing LEADER system with a modern and substantially improved system. Such an RFP would be conducted in order to comply with state and federal requirements to re-procure the current system. Given the immensity of the LEADER system, it is imperative that this

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Board continue to support DPSS as it progresses through the upcoming and extensive RFP process. Equally important is DPSS' continued collaboration with the LEADER Stakeholder Group which can make recommendations for best practices of the policy and procedures concerning both the existing LEADER system as well as the procurement, conversion and implementation of its replacement. It is incumbent on this Board to diligently monitor and evaluate the progress of the LEADER RFP in order to safeguard the integrity and continuity of public assistance programs which benefit the residents of Los Angeles County.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed Amendment Number 12 to the LEADER contract with Unisys Corporation with the requirement that the execution of any option year extension(s) beyond the initial 4 years term shall require future formal approval by the Board of Supervisors; and that notification of any future recommendations by DPSS to execute additional one year options shall be filed with this Board no less than 90 days prior to the beginning of any extension period sought; and

**WE FURTHER MOVE THAT** this Board direct the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Chief Information Officer (CIO), with oversight by the Auditor-Controller (A-C) and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), to provide semi-annual written status reports to this Board indicating the progress of the LEADER RFP including but not limited to ongoing project timelines, projected completion dates, incorporation of recommendations from the LEADER Stakeholder Group and quantification of the progress on portability of data. The A-C, CAO and County Counsel shall jointly review the appropriateness of the RFP provisions when the RFP draft is completed, prior to its final release. The first report shall be due to this Board within six months of approving Amendment Number 12.

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